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SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Assessment

I. Warning

1. The Philippines

[ ] CIA briefed representatives on the anti-Marcos demonstrations in Manila on 21 September -- the eleventh anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law, and 30 days after the assassination of Aquino. [ ] reported that these demonstrations together with events of the past several weeks have created a high level of tension which, if sustained, could seriously affect internal security in the weeks to come. While Marcos continues to insist that the visit of President Reagan take place, he has made no serious attempt to diffuse the political situation by reconstituting the commission investigating the Aquino assassination or by making a reasonable gesture to the opposition. The financial position is seen as precarious, and current concern centers around the reaction of small Japanese and US banks. Their actions in the next few weeks are thought to be a significant indicator of financial support for the Government of the Philippines. President Reagan's visit could be the focus of further, perhaps violent, demonstrations if tensions have not been reduced by the time of his arrival.

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2. Weinberger Trip to China

The NIO/EA reported that the US agenda for the visit includes:

- A continuation of strategic discussions in terms of Soviet threats and US responses to such threats;
- Reinstitution of US goals for military-to-military relations with a number of suggestions for maintaining contacts;

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-- Suggestions for training, technology transfers, and military exchanges.

[redacted] did not expect detailed discussions on military sales, but reported that talks will include planning for an exchange of visits by the heads of state. Press reports alleging a new US INF position which would allow the Soviets to maintain missile levels in Asia are expected to cause considerable comment. US policymakers characterize bilateral relations as healthy and on a steady course. 25X1

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#### 4. Taiwan

[redacted] CIA spoke briefly on the implications for succession of General Wang Sheng's appointment as an ambassador in Latin America. Wang Sheng's departure is seen as removing the greatest single obstacle over moderate technocrats, leaving the Secretary General and Premier in an excellent position to advance their own respective positions. 25X1

#### II. Warning Meeting

Following discussion on regional issues, the NIO/EA opened the meeting for an exchange of views on the format of East Asia warning meetings. Representatives agreed on the value of altering the existing procedures, and reached a consensus on adopting a format to forecast regional events six months into the future while continuing to address current issues on strategic warning. 25X1

